

Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Rick Kriseman, Mayor

- WHEREAS,** St. Petersburg-based nonprofit Remember Honor Support exists to ensure Americans remember the events of 9/11, honor our military, veterans, and first responders, and support families of the wounded and the fallen; and
- WHEREAS,** Remember Honor Support will be holding its 5th anniversary event on September 11, 2016, in St. Petersburg to remember the price of freedom, honor the sacrifices, and support our military, first responders, and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** each loss of a first responder is heartbreaking, and losing 343 firefighters and 41 law enforcement officers totaling 414 heroes on 9/11/01, fifteen years ago, reminds us to never forget the individual sacrifices made for the safety of our fellow American citizens and stands as a signal to all citizens of our city to support our men and women in uniform through distinct recognition, increased awareness, individual outreach, moments of prayer, and other organizational forms of support as they protect our community each and every day; and
- WHEREAS,** St. Petersburg's first responders include law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, active duty military, Reserves and National Guardsman and women who bravely and selflessly risk their lives every day to protect our community's families, visitors, and businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** St. Petersburg's first responders do not hesitate to risk their own lives in order to save the lives of others, and their commitment to continued training, skill enhancement, and inter-agency coordination make them vital members of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** acts of kindness and appreciation from citizens for first responders provide them needed encouragement and support to confront the dangerous and uncertain situations they face every day; and
- WHEREAS,** citizens from the veterans, business, government, and other nonprofit sectors from our St. Petersburg community will join Remember Honor Support in appreciation of our local first responders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Kriseman, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby, at the behest of Remember Honor Support (RHS), proclaim September 11th – 17th, 2016 as

9/11 FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION WEEK

and encourage all residents of St. Petersburg to take time out to show first responders and their families how much we value their service to our city and state. *9/11 First Responder Appreciation Week* will serve as an opportunity for local leaders in our community to demonstrate appreciation for all men and women who protect and serve our state as first responders and an opportunity for citizens to say, "Thank you," to the first responders who keep them safe.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 1st day of September, 2016.

Rick Kriseman
Mayor